

PARKER IN ALEXANDRIA.

The Aeolian Concert Company to Enter  
tain the Denizens of the Neighbor City  
—An Editor's Birthday

Alexandria, Va., Special:—Mr. James B. Parker, the hero of the Buffalo tragedy, was in the city a few days ago. In the company with Mr. A. H. Cooper and Mr. Palmer of Washington, D. C. Roberts Chapel M. E. Church where Mr. Parker lectured was not so crowded as it would have been had the event been properly advertised.

The grand bazaar under the auspices of the Trustees, Stewards, Leaders and benevolent committees of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, 29th Street, Washington, D. C. commencing Monday, December, second will be the centre of attraction to a number of Alexandrians because of the fact that the famous Aeolian Concert Company of Alexandria will hold the boards Wednesday the 11th. This company is an honor to the race and a pride to the community and only needs to be heard and seen to be admired and goes to Washington for the purpose of assisting Rev. W. H. Gains of Mt. Zion for our pastor of Roberts Chapel M. E. Church this city.

Editor Magnus L. Robinson, of the Leader, celebrated his forty-ninth birthday Thursday evening twenty-first instant by giving to the family on a few friends a real old Virginia dinner with necessary trimmings. There were a large number of leading American citizens present many with handsome presents to wish him and drink to his health.

The Eureka Concert Company with its own brass band and orchestra are touring Virginia and doing well. The advanced agent resides here. Mr. Basil Lucas. They are open for engagements and can be reached through The Colored American agency, Alex., Va.

It is rumored that Dr. Perkins has resigned the pastorate of Roberts Chapel M. E. Church this city. We hope the rumor is without foundation.

Mr. W. D. Winston is billed to appear at Roberts Chapel M. E. Church, Thursday evening, December 5th, with moving pictures of the assassination of President McKinley. Mr. Winston generally picks the M. E. Church when he comes to Alexandria.

A Virginia school teacher a few days ago at a birthday party during a discussion said that the Bethel Literary Society of Washington was the most intelligent gathering of Negroes in the world, that they had long ago laid aside the works of Daniel Webster, mastered Worcester, and was in a fair position to put a B. L. Dictionary on the market so thorough was their pronunciation of the English. For the existence of such an organization Washington should certainly feel proud.

Mr. Geo. Hedgeman, an old and respected citizen died a few days ago at his home in this city. Mr. Hedgeman was well known and had a host of relatives and friends who will regret to hear of his death. Funeral from Third Baptist Church. Peace be to his ashes.

When a Sabbath School Superintendent organizes a young debating society out of his own class in Sunday School and debates politics and history Sunday afternoon,—we feel like the 19th century is past.

The Florence Crittenton Mission will build a new home for wayward colored girls in the near future on North Pitt Street.

The Alexandria Times of this city has exchanged hands. Negroes now have a show in the columns of that paper. We will report the wedding of Rev. [Name] in our next issue.

# NICE OLD QUAKER LADY

## Cured of Catarrh By Peruna After 20 Years' Suffering.



MRS. POLLY EVANS, A LIFE-LONG FRIEND OF PE-RU-NA.

"My wife (Polly J. Evans) says she feels entirely cured of systemic catarrh of twenty years' standing. She took nearly six bottles of thy excellent medicine, Peruna, as directed, and we feel very thankful to thee for thy kindness and advice. She did not ever expect to be so well as she is now. Twelve years ago it cured her of la grippe. I want to tell thee there has been a great deal of Peruna used here last winter. Peruna does not need praising. It tells for itself. We can and do recommend it to anyone that is afflicted with catarrh."

As ever, thy friend,

John Evans,

South Wabash, Ind.

The above letter written by a venerable old Quaker, Mr. John Evans, living at South Wabash, Ind. tells in his quaint language his experience with the national catarrh remedy, Peruna.

### IN THE NEW SOUTH.

The Negro is Limited in his Privileges and Aspirations—In Educational Circles—  
She Merchant of Venice.

Columbia, S. C., Special—Perhaps in no city in the South has there been a more peaceful existence for which the Negroes have reason to thank God in keeping with the annual Thanksgiving Day, than in Columbia, S. C. Here we have enjoyed the peaceful harmony broken only now and then by the discord caused by the lower classes of the races, with no sympathy from the intelligent men of either race. But that this condition is changing is a sad but evidential fact. As long as the southern white man has been basking in the sunshine of Negro leaders that teach the believing Negroes that their only hope of peace and assured prosperity lie in a position that will always limit their educational, social and political enjoyment, he is "the black man's friend," but let the Negro leader break through this wall of abridged privileges, assert himself a man and partake of the privileges that their own laws provide, and he has made himself disliked by them. In teaching the Negro that his most hopeful interests lie in the industrial field, where the world will always recognize their inferiority, and this indeed will be inferiority,

Mr. Booker Washington endeared himself to the Anglo Saxon as no Negro has ever done, but, as soon as he accepted the privileges that they themselves had granted him, he became the subject of the severest criticism. This was natural, but it teaches one fact that both the Negro and the white man must face in this century. If the American Negro ever hope to attain universal peace between him and his brother in white, he must accept and adopt a standard in education and in politics that will never lessen the social gulf between them, or, he must fight to the bitter end this prejudice by his attainments and worth. Which will he do?

The colored state fair project proved a disastrous failure. There was not a single visitor or exhibit of note. We don't know where the trouble was but there was trouble. The musical department at Benedict College gave an entertainment of rare musical value on Thanksgiving evening. They are preparing to present during the Christmas holidays "Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice." It is looked forward to with much enthusiasm.

W. M. N. JONES.

ROOSEVELT LIKE THE EARLY PRESIDENTS.

(From the World's Work.)

"You see the President, but you al-

The Quakers have always been characterized by their untiring care in relieving the suffering of their own poor, and are hospitable, sweet-spirited and gentle people. They universally wear plain, unobtrusive clothing, not so much for uniformity, as to escape the ever-changing fashions in dress.

Their honesty and veracity is well known. Hence this letter will be read with interest by all classes.

Could any words be more to the point, could any evidence be more convincing, than the above persuasive, direct, sincere letter? Systemic catarrh is a condition in which chronic catarrh has pervaded the whole system. Catarrh first begins by localizing itself in some one or more organs of the body, but very soon it shows a tendency to spread to other organs. If it is not checked, the whole system becomes invaded by this insidious disease.

When catarrh has reached this stage, of course it has gone beyond the reach of all local remedies.

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Peruna is the only remedy yet devised to meet such cases.

Peruna eradicates catarrh from the system.

It does its work quietly, but surely.

It cleanses the mucous membranes of the whole body.

It produces regular functions.

Peruna restores perfect health in a natural way.

Anna P. Nichols, Vice Grand Baxter Rebekah Lodge, in a letter from 906 Main street, Kansas City, Mo., says:

"My friends recommended Peruna so highly that I purchased a bottle to try it and have never been sorry.

"At times my system became entirely run down, I could not sleep well and lost my appetite. Since I have used Peruna I feel like a different woman and hardly know what it is to be sick. I congratulate you on the merits of your wonderful medicine and wish you continued success."

One of Dr. Hartman's free books on catarrh, sent to any address by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.



Anna P. Nichols.

see Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, with unity really the greater and the more impressive because it is not official, but the natural manner of the man. He does not seem weary. He is busy, very busy; earnest, very earnest; but he has the manner of a man who likes his work. You recall the campaign story that was told of him when a sympathetic soul expressed deep regret he had been obliged to get up from his bed in his car and make his fourteenth speech of that day's journey and to shake hands with another crowd. "No," said he, "don't feel sorry for me. I like it."

"Born of a distinguished family, but the most democratic of men by habit of mind and by versatility of action, youthful, physically alert, rapid in thought, earnest and in love with life and work—these characteristics of the President have already made a cheerful impression on the public mind.

Such is the man who is President of the whole people and not of one section or of one party only. It is a true saying by the London Spectator that he is far more like the men of the first three decades of the Republic than the convention made Presidents of modern times. He is like the early Virginians, to, in his social grace and tact."

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